which the monument was unveiled, August 27, 1915, that the idea of holding an annual Clinton Center Pioneer Day celebration was conceived by Earl Melville Peck and Sheldon Norton. With the possible exception of 1917, 1919 and 1925, Pioneer Day celebrations were celebrated in Clinton Township every year between 1915 and 1942. Pioneer Days were also celebrated in 1978 and 1981. The first President of Pioneer Days was Earl Melville Peck. The first vice president was William E. Rude. Following the death of Earl Melville Peck on 11-19-1923, W. E. Rude was elected president and Earl Melville Peck's son, Emmon L. Peck, was elected vice president.